

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Availability of Foodgrains

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foodgrain production in 2014-2015 has dropped by 13 million tonnes as compared to 2013-14 production;
- (b) if so, whether it is likely to have an adverse impact on food security and supplies to poor through Public Distribution System due to shortage of foodgrains; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed to address this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Yes, madam, total foodgrains production in year 2014-15 was 252.68 million tonnes (4th advance estimate of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) against 265.04 million tonnes in year 2013-14.

(b) & (C): No, Madam. The stock of wheat and rice in Central Pool as on 01.10.2015 was 450.28 lakh MT and the buffer norms to meet the demand of foodgrains for TPDS/NFSA and OWS for 01.10.2015 is 307.70 lakh MT. There is, thus, no shortage of foodgrains in Central Pool. In fact, the stock of foodgrains available in the Central Pool is more than the prescribed stocking norms, comprising of operational requirement as well as strategic reserve.
